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SUBJECT: SWISS PLANS TO RATIFY THE NPT

REF: BERN 4085

1. SWISS FEDERAL COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 8 ISSUED LENGTHY STATEMENT PROVIDING RATIONALE FOR ITS DECISION TO RATIFY NPT (REF). GOS STATED THAT ITS RATIFICATION WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED BY TWO INTERPRETATIVE EXPLANATIONS. WITH RESPECT TO ARTICLE IV OF THE TREATY, IT IS THE SWISS UNDERSTANDING THAT "THE ENTIRE AREA OF ENERGY AND ISOTOPE PRODUCTION THROUGH NUCLEAR PROCESESSES, INCLUDING RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE FIELD OF FUTURE GENERATIONS OF NUCLEAR REACTORS--EVEN THOSE BASED ON THERMONUCLEAR FUSION-- WILL NOT BE AFFECTED" BY THE PROHIBITIONS OF ARTICLES I AND II.

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2. THE SECOND EXPLANATION DEALS WITH ARTICLE III. IN THE SWISS VIEW, THE TERM "SOURCE AND SPECIAL FISSIONABLE MATERIAL" HAS THE MEANING ESTABLISHED BY ARTICLE 20 OF THE IAEA STATUTE, UNLESS CHANGES IN THAT DEFINITION ARE SPECIALLY APPROVED BY THE SWISS.

3. SWISS STATEMENT EMPHASIZED GOS INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE AND POINTED OUT THAT IN ORDER TO TAKE PART, GOS WOULD HAVE TO RATIFY BY MAY 5, 1975.

4. SWISS ALSO NOTED THAT NPT, HAVING BEEN SIGNED BY AROUND 100 STATES AND RATIFIED BY MORE THAN 80, HAS NOW ACHIEVED THE REQUISITE DEGREE OF UNIVERSALITY. THEY NOTED THAT FRG AND DUTCH PARLIAMENTS HAD COMPLETED APPROVAL, AND THAT ITALIAN, BELGIAN, AND LUXEMBOURG RATIFICATION PROCESSES STILL PENDING, BUT DID NOT MAKE EURATOM COUNTRIES' RATIFICATION OF NPT A CONDITION FOR SWISS RATIFICATION. STATEMENT POINTED OUT THAT IT COULD NOT BE PREDICTED IF AND WHEN JAPAN WOULD RATIFY THE TREATY, BUT ITS CONTINUED INACTION WAS NOT, IN AND OF ITSELF, GROUNDS AGAINST SWISS RATIFICATION. IT ALSO NOTED THAT INDIAN FAILURE TO JOIN TREATY WAS NEITHER MILITARILY NOR ECONOMICALLY DECISIVE FOR SWISS DECISION.

5. UNLESS LEGISLATIVE SNAGS DEVELOP, SWISS LOWER HOUSE SHOULD TAKE UP NPT DURING WINTER SESSION (DECEMBER) AND UPPER HOUSE IN SPRING SESSION (MARCH). THUS IF ALL GOES SMOOTHLY--AND IT REMAINS A BING IF--GOS SHOULD COMPLETE RATIFICATION PROCESS BY TIME REVIEW CONFERENCE OPENS.  
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